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SUBJECT: MID ISSUES STATEMENT CRITICIZING GOVERNMENT POLICIES

1. THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE MID PARTY, THE SECOND LARGEST COMPONENT OF THE FREJULI, ISSUED A STATEMENT ON OCT 15 STRONGLY CRITICIZING ITS CO-FRONT MEMBER, THE PERONISTS, FOR THEIR HANDLING OF ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL ISSUES. THE MID, WHICH PRIDES ITSELF ON ITS "DESAROLLISTA" ECONOMIC IDEOLOGY, CAME DOWN HARDEST ON THE PRESENT ECONOMIC PROBLEMS THE COUNTRY IS FACING. THEY ACCUSE THE GOVERNMENT OF HAVING DESTROYED THE PRODUCTIVE APPARATUS OF THE STATE AND HAVING ALLOWED THE ECONOMY TO REACH A POINT OF NEAR CHAOS. THE MID BLAMED THE CURRENT STATE OF AFFAIRS ON "AN ECONOMY MINISTER WHO PURSUED ZERO INFLATION POLICIES", A CLEAR REFERENCE TO FORMER MIN OF ECONOMY JOSE BER GELBARD, BUT ADDED THAT SUBSEQUENT ECONOMY MINISTERS HAVE FOLLOWED ESSENTIALLY THE SAME ECONOMIC MEASURES AS GELBARD, AND HAVE THEREFORE PERPETUATED THE CONDITIONS HIS POLICIES ENGENDERED. THE MID DOCUMENT ALSO HOLDS THE GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PRESENT HIGH LEVEL OF VIOLENCE IN THE COUNTRY AND FOR THE "DISINTEGRATION OF THE STATE."

2. COMMENT: WITH PERONIST LOYALTY DAY TWO DAYS OFF, IT IS INDEED CURIOUS THAT THE SENIOR PARTNERS OF THE PERONISTS WOULD CHOOSE THIS MOMENT TO ISSUE THEIR
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HARSHEST CRITICISMS TO DATE. THE MID DOCUMENT WAS

NOT THE FIRST ONE THEY HAVE ISSUED ATTACKING THE GOVERN-
MENT, BUT ITS TIMING LENDS SUBSTANTIALITY TO SPECULATION
THAT THE MID, WHICH DESPITE BEING A MEMBER OF PERONIST
COALITION, HAS ALWAYS MAINTAINED GOOD RELATIONS WITH
MILITARY OFFICERS AND NOW WISHES TO ACCENTUATE ITS
DISCREPENCIES WITH PERONISTS SO AS TO BE IN BETTER
BARGAINING POSITION WITH MILITARY SHOULD A COUP OCCUR.
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